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**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
Office of Current Intelligence  
20 March 1963**

**DAILY REPORT**

**SUBJECT: US Reconnaissance Activity over Cuba**

**1. Today's Schedule (20 March 1963)**

- a. Missions: BRASS KNOB 3502 scheduled off at 0510 EST.  
Estimated time of return 1323 EST.  
BRASS KNOB 3503 scheduled off at 0930 EST.  
Estimated time of return 1733 EST.
- b. Purpose : Both missions will cover the entire island.
- c. Weather : Fair over the western third of the island, becoming poor after noon. Good over the remainder of the island. Little change is forecast for tomorrow.
- d. IPIR due: 22 March 1963

**2. Yesterday's Activity (19 March 1963)**

- a. Missions flown : BRASS KNOB Mission 3500 covered both northern and southern coastal areas and the Isle of Pines. BRASS KNOB 3501 covered the northern half of the island. Pilots estimate coverage of scheduled targets to be 80% and 15%, respectively.
- b. Weather : Generally good, changing to fair in the afternoon.
- c. IPIR due: 21 March 1963
- d. Reaction: No significant air defense reaction to these BRASS KNOB missions was noted.

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**3. Shipping Summary**

**a. Soviet Bloc ships confirmed en route to Cuba  
1600 EST 19 March:**

Tankers	7
Passenger	2
Dry Cargo	<u>11</u>
Total	20

**b. Soviet Bloc ships in Cuban ports 1600 EST  
19 March:**

Tankers	3
Passenger	0
Dry Cargo	<u>19</u>
Total	22

**c. Dry cargo ships now in Cuban ports which were  
photographed while inbound to Cuba by low-altitude or  
surface cameras: 18**

**d. CIA has received photos of 18 of these ships.**

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**TOP SECRET DINAR****ANNEX TO DAILY REPORT****20 March 1963**

The following is the status of "Special Interest" ships in the Cuban trade:

<u>Ship</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>En route to Cuba:</u>		
Baltika	Passenger	ETA Havana 20 March 2200 EST.
Bajkal	Passenger	ETA Havana 27-29 March. (Estimate)
<u>In Cuban Ports:</u>		
Krasnograd	Cargo	18 March in Matanzas.
Karachaevo-Cherkassiya	Cargo (Krasnograd class)	18 March in Nuevitas.

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**TOP SECRET DINAR****BRASS KNOB COVERAGE OF COMOR HIGHEST PRIORITY TARGETS IN CUBA**

During 12 - 18 March 1963

Targets	Dates							Totals	
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Sorties	Days Covered
1. Siguanea Cruise Missile Site							1	1	1
2. Banes Cruise Missile Site			1					1	1
3. Santa Cruz del Norte Cruise Site		1	1	1	1			4	4
4. Camilo Cienfuegos Airfield	1		1	1				3	3
5. Camaguey Airfield					1			1	1
6. Holguin Airfield	1	1	1				1	4	4
7. San Antonio de los Banos Airfield	1	1		2	1	2	2	9	6
8. Mariel Naval Base	2			2	2	1	1	8	5
9. Banes Naval Base			1	1		1	1	4	4
10. Cienfuegos Naval Base	1	1		1				3	3
11. Santiago de Cuba Port			1				1	2	2
12. La Isabella Port	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	7
13. Caibarien Port	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	11	7
14. Cardenas Port				1	1		1	3	3
15. Casilda Port	1	1		1	1			4	4
16. Matanzas Port		1	1	1	1		1	5	5
17. Havana Port	2	1	1	2	1		2	9	6
18. Guantanamo Area			1		1			2	2
19. Pinar del Rio Military Camp						1		1	1
20. Artemisa Military Camp	1	1		2		2		6	4
21. Holguin Military Camp	1							1	1
22. Remedios Military Camp		1	2			1	2	6	4
23. Santiago de los Vegas Military Camp	1			2				3	2
24. Lourdes (Torrens) Army Camp	1			2		1		4	3
25. Limonar Military Camp			1	1			1	3	3
26. Camaguey Military Camp		1			1		1	3	3
28. Managua Staging Area	1		1	2	2	2	2	10	6
29. Bejucal Staging Area	1		1	2	1	1	2	8	6
30. Manicaragua Staging Area	1							1	1

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During 12-18 March 1963, 93 percent of the total land area of Cuba was covered by photography with 25 percent or less cloud cover. This included oblique photography up to 70 miles on either side of the flight line.

During 12-18 March 1963, 15 BRASS KNOB missions were flown.

**GROUP 1**  
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grading and declassification

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